

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

**Lesson One:** 1 Samuel 1

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1. Based on verses 1–8, what kind of family system was Hannah a part of?

Describe each key character and how you perceive them emotionally and spiritually.

2. a) Why was Hannah not able to bear children?

b) What does this teach you about God?

c) What is your response to this truth?

3. What is your response to Elkanah's consoling words to Hannah in verse 8?

4. Do you think Hannah was in sin to have bitterness in her soul? Why or why not?

5. Do you think Hannah's vow to God in verse 11 was too extreme? Why or why not?

6. Eli misjudged Hannah in verses 12–14. a) What was Hannah's response to this misjudgment?

b) Tell of a time when you misjudged someone or someone misjudged you. How was this resolved or was it?

c) What did you learn from both Hannah and Eli in this situation?

7. Describe Hannah's prayer life based on verses 9–18. Be very specific.

a) How has God answered a great anguish and grief in your life?

b) How did you respond after it was answered?

8. Why do you think Hannah took the bull, ephod and wine along when she took Samuel to Shiloh?

9. Whom did Hannah really entrust Samuel to in verses 25–28?

a) What have you not given to the Lord in your life?

Why not?

10. a) What have you given to the Lord but then you broke your promise and took it or them back?

b) What does this lesson teach, challenge or convict in you about this?